

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



Men survey the debris and rubble after a fire in Marion destroyed much of the town in March 1905. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Graphic5_Box12_457.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY: FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH DOWNTOWN MARION

On a windy March 28, 1905, fire started in a Marion stable and quickly claimed much of the town's business district. Bucket brigades were useless, so townspeople turned to saving inventory and fixtures before flames engulfed them. When the fire burned out, many businesses, including the bank, were gone. Many affected, however, were open again by April 1 in temporary locations. The town had recovered fully by 1908.



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